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General Assembly
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Main Committees

Fifth Committee
Second part of the resumed session

10:00 to 13:00 — Informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 5 (NLB)

Informal consultations on:

Agenda item 149 (Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (A/67/642, A/67/777 and A/67/780/Add.15));

Agenda item 163 (Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (A/67/601, A/67/806, A/67/780/Add.7 and A/67/780/Add.7/Corr.1)); and

Agenda item 130 (Programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013: Special political missions (A/67/346/Add.8 and A/67/604/Add.3))

15:00 — 33rd meeting [webcast] — Conference Room 4 (NLB)

1. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments [item 111]

   (d) Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission (A/67/104/Add.1)

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2. Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East [item 158]

(a) United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (A/67/857 and A/67/874)

Introduction and general discussion

(b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.5/67/L.37

Afternoon[1] to 18:00 — Informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 5 (NLB)

Informal consultations on agenda item 158 (Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East: *(a)* United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (A/67/589, A/67/705, A/67/780/Add.1, A/67/857 and A/67/874))

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 33rd meeting of the Fifth Committee.

General Assembly
Sixty-seventh session

The General Assembly will hold a plenary meeting on Friday, 14 June 2013, at 10:00, in the General Assembly Hall, to elect the President of the General Assembly at its sixty-eighth session (agenda item 4). Immediately following the plenary meeting, the Main Committees will hold their consecutive meetings for the purpose of electing their Chairs at the sixty-eighth session (agenda item 5) and their respective Bureaux. Immediately following the meetings of the Main Committees, the General Assembly will hold another plenary meeting to elect the Vice-Presidents at its sixty-eighth session (agenda item 6).

The Chairs of regional groups who have not yet communicated their nominations are requested to do so, *as soon as possible*, in order to facilitate the scheduled elections in a timely manner. Communications should be sent by e-mail to the General Assembly Affairs Branch (muturi@un.org) or sent by fax (1 (212) 963-3783). Telephone inquiries may be addressed to the focal point, Ms. Mary Muturi (tel. 1 (212) 963-2337). An updated list of candidates can be found on the CandiWeb (https://eroom.un.org/eRoom).

General Assembly
Sixty-eighth session

The sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly will convene at United Nations Headquarters on Tuesday, 17 September 2013, and the general debate will open on Tuesday, 24 September. The High-level Meeting on the Realization of the Millennium Development Goals and Other Internationally Agreed Development Goals for Persons with Disabilities will be held on Monday, 23 September. The Special Event in 2013 to follow up efforts made towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals will be held on Wednesday, 25 September. The High-level Meeting on Nuclear Disarmament will be held on Thursday, 26 September. The High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development will be held on Thursday, 3, and Friday, 4 October. The preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the sixty-eighth regular session of the General Assembly was issued on 13 February 2013 in document A/68/50*. A draft programme of work of the plenary will be issued in July.

Security Council

Military Staff Committee

11:00 to 13:00	1770th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 7 (NLB)

General Assembly

Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals
Third session

09:00 to 10:00		Conference Room 3 (CB)
	Informal meeting, convened by the Co-Chairs of the Open Working Group, with representatives of major groups and other stakeholders [webcast]	
10:00 to 13:00	5th meeting [webcast]	Conference Room 3 (CB)
	Follow-up to the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, relating to a proposal for sustainable development goals [item 3][1]	
	Continuation and conclusion of the interactive exchange of views on "Food security and nutrition, sustainable agriculture, desertification, land degradation and drought"	
	Interactive exchange of views on "Water and sanitation"	
15:00 to 18:00	6th meeting [webcast]	Conference Room 3 (CB)
	Follow-up to the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, relating to a proposal for sustainable development goals [item 3]	
	Continuation and conclusion of the interactive exchange of views on "Water and sanitation"	
	Summary of the discussions at the third session of the Open Working Group	
	Other organizational matters	
	Concluding remarks by the Co-Chairs	
	Closure of the third session	
	[For further information, including the draft programme of work, please *click here*.]	

[1]The agenda of the Open Working Group, adopted on 14 March, 2013, is contained in document A/AC.280/2013/1.

United Nations Commission on International Trade Law

Working Group III (Online Dispute Resolution)
Twenty-seventh session

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 3 (NLB)
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 3 (NLB)

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 10 (CB)

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 10 (CB)

1. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 (Section 10 — Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States)
2. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 (Section 8 — Legal affairs)
3. Executive meeting

Economic and Social Council

Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
Twelfth session

10:00 to 13:00 8th meeting [webcast] Trusteeship Council Chamber

Comprehensive dialogue with United Nations agencies and funds [item 5]

15:00 to 18:00 9th meeting [webcast] Trusteeship Council Chamber

Comprehensive dialogue with United Nations agencies and funds [item 5]

Report of the Inter-Agency Support Group on Indigenous Peoples' Issues annual meeting for 2012 (E/C.19/2013/4)

Review of World Bank operational policies (E/C.19/2013/15)

Indigenous people's rights and safeguards in projects related to reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation (E/C.19/2013/7)

[The list of side events on the occasion of the twelfth session of the Forum can be consulted by *clicking here.*]

[The twelfth session of the Permanent Forum is served in a PaperSmart manner. The official documentation of the Forum is available electronically via the PaperSmart Portal in all official languages.]

[Member States, intergovernmental organizations and United Nations bodies and specialized agencies wishing to send observers to the session are requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Forum, Ms. Emer Herity (e-mail herity@un.org; room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.]

[Member States and United Nations bodies and specialized agencies wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for a particular item should contact the secretariat (Mr. Gerard Cianciulli (e-mail cianciulli@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)).]

[For background and other related documents of the twelfth session of the Forum, please visit the *following website www.un.org/indigenous.*]

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
2013 resumed session

10:00 to 13:00 — 25th meeting — Conference Room 1 (NLB)

Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee (E/C.2/2013/CRP.7 and E/C.2/2013/CRP.8)[1] [item 3 (a)]

15:00 to 18:00 — 26th meeting — Conference Room 1 (NLB)

Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee (E/C.2/2013/CRP.7 and E/C.2/2013/CRP.8)[1] [item 3 (a)]

Review of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council (E/C.2/2013/2/Add.21, E/C.2/2013/2/Add.22, E/C.2/2013/2/Add.23, E/C.2/2013/2/Add.24, E/C.2/2013/2/Add.25, E/C.2/2013/2/Add.26 and E/C.2/2013/CRP.11[1]) [item 4 (b)]

Deferred quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council (E/C.2/2013/CRP.15)[1] [item 4 (a)]

Other related matters (E/C.2/2013/CRP.8, E/C.2/2013/CRP.9 and E/C.2/2012/CRP.10)[1] [item 6 (c)]

Special reports [item 7]

[Background information on the Committee, its procedures, forms and documentation are available on the website of the NGO Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs *(click here)*. Members of the Committee are strongly encouraged to use the online Paperless Committee System, where detailed information about upcoming applications will be found, as well as applications from previous sessions.]

[1]Conference room papers.

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism
Special event

The Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism will hold a special event with Member States on countering terrorism through the use of new communications and information technologies, *today*, 24 May 2013, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 16:45, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB). The event is open to Member States only.

For information concerning substantive issues, please contact Mr. Christian Mahr, Senior Legal Officer, Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED) (e-mail mahr@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 457-1706). Questions concerning administrative issues may be addressed to Ms. Fei Xing, Associate Political Affairs Officer, CTED (e-mail xing@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 457-1809).

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services
Informal consultation

The Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services will hold an informal consultation on the UNDP evaluation of the annual report on evaluation and management response, *today*, 24 May 2013, from 10:00 to 11:30, in Conference Room 6 (NLB). Interested delegations are invited to attend.

Informal consultations on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/67/251 and A/67/252. The meetings under this header are closed.*

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General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Multilingualism" (under agenda item 120) (convened by the Permanent Mission of Senegal)

From 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

Other meetings

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Group of 77 (on Second Committee and related matters)

09:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 4 (NLB)

Other activities

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Special commemorative event on the occasion of the Day of Vesak (General Assembly resolution 54/115 (A/RES/54/115)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka, in cooperation with the Permanent Missions of Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, the Lao Democratic People's Republic, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Thailand and Viet Nam)

At 18:30, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB). [webcast]

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Erandi Karunaratne, Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka (e-mail research@slmission.com; tel. 1 (212) 986-7040).]

Press conferences

The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.

Friday, 24 May 2013

Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium [webcast]

12:00	Press briefing by the Spokesperson
13:00	Mr. Claudio Grossman, Chair of the Committee Against Torture and Chair of the twenty-fifth meeting of the chairpersons of human rights treaty bodies

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Sixty-seventh session

Announcements

The agenda of the sixty-seventh regular session of the General Assembly is contained in document A/67/251 (see document A/67/252* for the allocation of items). Annotations can be found in document A/67/100 and A/67/100/Add.1.

The following agenda items remain for consideration during the sixty-seventh session, apart from organizational matters and items that may have to be considered by operation of the rules of procedure of the Assembly: items 9, 11, 13 to 15, 20 (a) and (b), 30, 31, 33, 34, 39, 40, 43 to 48, 54, 56, 63 (a) and (b), 70 (a) to (c), 74, 94 (b), 106, 107, 110 (a) and (b), 111 (f) and (h), 112, 113, 115 to 117, 118 (a) and (b), 119, 120, 121 (a), (b), (g), (i), (p), (q), (s) and (v), 122, 124 to 126, 128 (a) to (r), 129 to 157, 158 (a) and (b), and 159 to 164.

Please note that there is no predetermined programme of work for formal and informal meetings of the plenary for the resumed part of the session (1 January–16 September 2013). Meetings will be announced in the *Journal* when they are scheduled. For inscription on the list of speakers, please call 1 (212) 963-5063 (room S-3082). A tentative schedule of General Assembly meetings is also available at the following address: www.un.org/en/ga/info/meetings/67schedule.shtml.

For the submission of a draft resolution for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-3818 (room S-3053). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

General Assembly

Sixty-seventh session

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

Second part of the resumed session

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Tuesday, 28 May 2013, at 10:00 and at 15:00, in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

General Assembly

Committee on Contributions

Seventy-third session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its seventy-third session at Headquarters from Monday, 3, to Friday, 21 June 2013.

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; room FF-610 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 64/248. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation
Intersessional meeting

The High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation will hold an intersessional meeting on Tuesday, 4 June 2013, from 10:00 to 13:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). The Committee will consider the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on South-South and triangular cooperation in the United Nations system (A/66/717) and the related note by the Secretary-General (A/66/717/Add.1).

Participation in the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation is open to all Member States.

United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)

Executive Board

Informal briefings

The Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) will hold an informal briefing on the updated strategic plan, on Wednesday, 29 May 2013, from 09:00 to 12:00, in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

There will be an informal briefing of the Executive Board of UN-Women on the report on UN-Women evaluation function, on Thursday, 30 May 2013, from 15:00 to 17:00, at UN-Women Headquarters (220 East 42nd Street, 19th Floor conference room). Kindly confirm attendance by e-mail (stefania.letta@unwomen.org), *by Tuesday 28 May*.

Pre-session informal meeting

A pre-session informal meeting of the Executive Board will take place on Wednesday, 10 June 2013, from 15:00 to 16:30, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB).

Annual session 2013

The annual session 2013 of the Executive Board of United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) will be held from Tuesday, 25, to Thursday, 27 June 2013, in Conference Room 4 (NLB). The annotated provisional agenda and workplan for the session are contained in document UNW/2013/L.3*. Advance copies of documentation are available on the UN-Women Executive Board website. Member States, observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to e-mail their credentials (names and titles of each delegation member, on official letterhead), as well as any requests to be on the list of speakers list, (stefania.letta@unwomen.org), as early as possible, *but no later than Friday, 21 June 2013*.

The upcoming annual session of the Executive Board will be PaperSmart. Instead of distributing hardcopies in the conference room, all documentation will be available for downloading electronically through the UN-Women Executive Board website.

All session documents will continue to be available on the existing 'Documents' webpage of UN-Women Executive Board, as per established practice. In addition, the UN-Women Executive Board website will provide a link to the 'Papersmart' webpage that will make available all supporting documentation (powerpoint presentations and statements, etc.) to the individual meetings.

Delegations planning to present statements at the session are kindly requested to submit electronic versions (e-mail robert.stephens@unwomen.org). The intended agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. These statements will remain embargoed until delivery of the statement and then posted to the 'Papersmart' webpage on the Executive Board website.

A printing-on-demand service will be made available to members of the Executive Board and observer delegations upon request, with a dedicated desk set up for this in the conference room. Delegations are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets or other mobile devices to the meeting in order to access electronically the official documents and statements from the Executive Board website.

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Meeting of States Parties
Twenty-third Meeting

The Twenty-third Meeting of States Parties to the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea will be held from Monday, 10, to Friday, 14 June 2013. The Meeting will be convened on Monday, 10 June, at 10:00, in Conference Room 1 (CB). The provisional agenda of the Meeting is contained in document SPLOS/L.72, also available on the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs (*click here*).

States Parties that have not yet done so are requested to submit their credentials *no later than Friday, 7 June*, to the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs (room DC2-450). Credentials should be duly signed, in accordance with Rule 13 (2) of the Rules of Procedure for Meetings of States Parties (SPLOS/2/Rev.4), by the Head of State or Government or the Minister for Foreign Affairs or any person authorized by either of them.

Observers who have not yet done so are requested to transmit to the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs (room DC2-450) the names of the representatives who will form part of the observer delegation.

Economic and Social Council

Special meeting

Pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 2012/33 and decision 2013/204, the President of the Council, His Excellency Néstor Osorio (Colombia), will convene a one-day meeting of the Council on Wednesday, 29 May 2013, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB), to consider the question of international cooperation in tax matters, including institutional arrangements to promote such cooperation.

The Council will have before it the report of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters on its eighth session (E/2012/45) and the report of the Secretary-General on further progress in strengthening the work of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters (to be issued).

During the morning session, there will be two panel discussions on the themes: (1) "International tax cooperation: Capacity development"; and (2) "Current issues in countering international tax avoidance and tax evasion", followed by a general discussion. The afternoon session will feature the launch of the *United Nations Transfer Pricing Practical Manual for Developing Countries*, followed by a panel discussion on the theme "Transfer pricing challenges for developing countries", after which the general discussion will continue.

Members and observers of the Economic and Social Council and representatives of intergovernmental organizations are requested to provide, *in writing*, as soon as possible, the composition of their delegation to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis (c/o Ms. Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail alejandrino@un.org; room S-1282)), with a copy to the Financing for Development Office (Ms. Victoria Panghulan (e-mail panghulanv@un.org; room DC2-2186A)).

Further details are available on the Financing for Development website (*click here*). For more information, please contact Ms. Dominika Halka (e-mail halka@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6653).

Informal consultations

The President of the Economic and Social Council, His Excellency Néstor Osorio (Colombia), will convene the second informal consultations on the draft ministerial declaration of the high-level segment of the 2013 substantive session of the Council on Friday, 31 May 2013, from 15:00 to 18:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB). The 'zero-draft' of the ministerial declaration will be circulated prior to the consultations. For reference, the advance unedited version of the report of the Secretary-General for the 2013 Annual Ministerial Review of the Council is available on the website of the Council (*click here*). All Member States are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Alberto Padova, Deputy Chief, Policy Coordination Branch, Office for Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail padova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4759).

Committee for Programme and Coordination
Fifty-third session

The fifty-third session of the Committee for Programme and Coordination will be held from Monday, 3, to Friday, 28 June 2013.

Members of the Committee wishing to attend the session are requested to communicate the names of their representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, *in writing*, by notes verbales to the Secretary of the Committee, Ms. Sharon Van Buerle (e-mail cpc@un.org; room S-3241; fax 1 (212) 963-0360). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Member States that are not members of the Committee wishing to participate as observers should communicate, also via note verbale, the composition of their delegations to the Secretariat, well in advance of the session.

All relevant documentation and the provisional and tentative programme of work of the Committee for Programme and Coordination for the fifty-third session will be available on the website of the Committee (*click here*).

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

Informal briefings

In preparation for its annual session, the Executive Board of UNICEF will hold informal briefings as indicated below. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Wednesday, 29 May 2013, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 3 (CB): on the annual report of the Executive Director and on the UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2014–2017; and

Friday, 31 May 2013, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 6 (NLB): on the annual report on the evaluation function and major evaluations, the revised evaluation policy of UNICEF and on the thematic synthesis report on evaluation of humanitarian action.

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its annual session (18–21 June 2013) will take place on Friday, 31 May 2013, from 10:00 to 13:00, Conference Room 1 (NLB). The pre-session briefing will be combined with an informal briefing on the report on the progress of gender equality work in UNICEF and an informal briefing on the draft country programme document for Egypt.

Annual session

The 2013 annual session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from Tuesday, 18, to Friday, 21 June, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB). The provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2013/10. To consult advance copies of all documentation for the session, please *click here*. Member States, as well as observers and representatives of other organizations attending the session, are requested to communicate their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF (e-mail harai@unicef.org; fax 1 (212) 326-7096), as early as possible, *but no later than Friday, 7 June*.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedures and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

The upcoming annual session of the Executive Board will be PaperSmart. Instead of distributing hardcopies in the conference room, all documentation will be available for downloading electronically through the UNICEF Executive Board website.

All session documents will continue to be available on the existing 'Documents' webpage, as per established practice. In addition, the UNICEF Executive Board homepage will provide a link to the 'In-session' webpage that will make available all supporting documentation (powerpoints and statements, etc.) to the individual meetings.

Delegations planning to present statements at the session are kindly requested to submit electronic versions to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board (Attn: Mr. Dillon Leano (e-mail dleano@unicef.org)). The intended agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. These statements will remain embargoed until delivery of the statement and then posted to the 'In-session' webpage on the UNICEF Executive Board website.

A printing-on-demand service will be made available to members of the Executive Board and observer delegations upon request, with a dedicated desk set up for this in the conference room. Delegations are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets or other mobile devices to the meeting in order to access electronically the official documents and statements from the Executive Board website.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services

Informal consultations

The Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services will hold informal consultations, as indicated below. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

Tuesday, 28 May 2013, from 15:00 to 18:00, at the FF Building, 11th Floor (UNDP Office) (304 East 45th Street): on the UNDP evaluation of the global programme and the management response; the evaluation of the regional programme for Africa and the management response; the evaluation of the regional programme for Arab States and the management response; the evaluation of the regional programme for Asia and the Pacific States and management response; the evaluation of the regional programme for Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States and the management response; and the evaluation of the regional programme for Latin America and the Caribbean States and the management response;

Wednesday, 29 May 2013, from 11:30 to 13:00, in Conference Room 3 (CB): on the evaluation of the UNDP contribution to South-South and triangular cooperation (2008-2011) and management response; and

Thursday, 30 May 2013, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 3 (CB): on the UNDP Strategic Plan.

Annual session 2013

The annual session 2013 of the Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS will be held from Monday, 3, to Friday, 14 June, in Conference Room 4 (NLB). The provisional agenda, list of documents and workplan for the session will be issued in document DP/2013/L.2.

Member States, as well as observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to e-mail their credentials to the secretariat of the Executive Board (e-mail marcela.romero@undp.org), as early as possible, *but no later than Tuesday, 28 May*.

The upcoming annual session of the Executive Board will be PaperSmart. Instead of distributing hard copies, all official documentation will be available on the Executive Board PaperSmart portal. Delegations are invited to send electronic copies of their statements by e-mail to the PaperSmart Secretariat (e-mail papersmart@un.org), at least two hours in advance of their speaking slot. The statements will be distributed electronically via the PaperSmart Portal at the time of delivery, and will be under embargo until then. Delegations are kindly requested to provide 15 hard copies of official statements for interpretation and other services. Please note that hard copies of statements will not be distributed by conference services during the session.

A printing-on-demand service will be made available to members of the Executive Board and observer delegations upon request, with a dedicated desk set up for this in the conference room. Delegations are encouraged to carry their laptops, tablets and/or other mobile devices to be able to access the official documents and statements from the Executive Board PaperSmart portal.

International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance

Meeting of States Parties
Second Meeting

The Second Meeting of States Parties to the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance will take place on Tuesday, 28 May 2013, at 10:00, in Conference Room 3 (CB). The primary purpose of the Meeting, in accordance with article 26, paragraph 4, of the Convention, is to elect five members of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances to replace those whose terms are due expire on 30 June 2013. The documents for the Meeting are CED/SP/2/1 and CED/SP/2/2/Rev.1. For more information, including the current list of candidates, please *click here*.

Please note that the agenda will include a substantive panel discussion on "Implementation of the Convention". To benefit from this discussion, Third Committee experts from delegations are invited to join their election officers for the Meeting.

Attention is drawn to the requirements stated in the rules of procedure concerning the quorum and credentials for the Meeting.

For any clarifications on these elections, please contact Mr. James Turpin, OHCHR (e-mail turpin@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3292).

International Convention for the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families

Meeting of States Parties
Sixth Meeting

The Sixth Meeting of States Parties to the International Convention for the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families will take place on Thursday, 30 May 2013, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in *Conference Room 1 (NLB)*. The primary purpose of the Meeting, in accordance with article 72, paragraphs 1 to 5, of the Convention, is to elect seven members of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families to replace those whose terms are due to expire on 31 December 2013. The documents for the Meeting are CMW/SP/6/12, CMW/SP/6/13 and CMW/SP/6/13/Rev.1 (to be issued). For more information, including the current list of candidates, please *click here*.

Attention is drawn to the requirements stated in the rules of procedure concerning the quorum and credentials for the Meeting.

For any clarifications on these elections, please contact Mr. James Turpin, OHCHR (e-mail turpin@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3292).

International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination

Meeting of States Parties
Twenty-fifth Meeting

The Twenty-Fifth Meeting of States Parties of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination will take place on Monday, 3 June 2013, at 10:00, in Conference Room 3 (CB). The primary purpose of the Meeting, in accordance with article 8, paragraphs 1 to 5, of the Convention, is to elect nine members of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination to replace those whose terms of office are due to expire on 19 January 2014. The documents for the Meeting are CERD/SP/75, CERD/SP/76 and CERD/SP/76/Add.1. For more information, including the current list of candidates, please *click here*.

Attention is drawn to the requirements stated in the rules of procedure concerning the quorum and credentials for the Meeting.

For any clarifications on these elections, please contact Mr. James Turpin, OHCHR (e-mail turpin@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3292).

Forthcoming other meetings

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Eastern European Group (monthly meeting)

Tuesday, 28 May 2013, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 8 (NLB) (formerly Room 10 (NLB)).

International Criminal Court: New York Working Group of the Assembly of States Parties (review of the procedure for the nomination and election of judges)

Wednesday, 29 May 2013, from 17:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

International Criminal Court: New York Working Group of the Assembly of States Parties (omnibus resolution)

Friday, 31 May 2013, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

Forthcoming other activities

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Global town hall meeting on "Umoja" (co-organized by the Department of Management, the Department of Field Support and the Office of Human Resources Management)

Tuesday, 28 May 2013, at 08:30, in Conference Room 4 (NLB).

[All United Nations staff are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Office of Enterprise Resource Planning (Umoja) (e-mail umoja@un.org); or Ms. Einat Temkin (e-mail temkin@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5841).]

Expert Group Meeting on Extractive Industries Taxation (organized by the Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

Tuesday, 28 May 2013, from 9:40 to 13:00 and from 14:30 to 18:30, in the Economic and Social Chamber Council (CB).

[The event is open to all permanent missions and permanent observer missions. For further information, please contact Mr. Michael Lennard (e-mail lennard@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5734); or Ms. Ilka Ritter, DESA (e-mail ritter@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2456); or *click here*.]

Seminar on "Advancing social protection floors (Module II)" (co-organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the International Labour Organization (ILO))

Tuesday, 28 May 2013, from 10:00 to 17:00, in the Permanent Mission of Finland (866 United Nations Plaza, Suite 222).

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend. To register, please *click here*. For further information, please contact the UNITAR New York Office (e-mail nyo@unitar.org).]

Panel discussion on "Safeguarding financing for sustainable development" (co-organized by the Division for Public Administration and Development Management, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), and the Permanent Mission of Austria)

Tuesday, 28 May 2013, from 10:30 to 12:30, in Conference Room E (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Xinxin Cai, DESA (e-mail cai2@un.org).]

High-level meeting of the Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments for Post-2015 Development Agenda towards the Third United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat III) (co-organized by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) and the United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG))

Tuesday, 28 May 2013, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions, United Nations agencies and accredited non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. For more information, please contact UN-Habitat New York Office (e-mail habitatny@un.org).]

Friends of the International Criminal Court (organized by the Permanent Mission of Germany)

Wednesday, 29 May 2013, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

[For further information, please contact Mr. Martin Huth, Permanent Mission of Germany (e-mail martin.huth@diplo.de; tel. 1 (212) 940-0420).]

Panel discussion on "The youth employment crisis: A call for action" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Germany and Tunisia and the International Labour Organization (ILO))

Thursday, 30 May 2013, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 3 (CB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the ILO Office for the United Nations (e-mail newyork@ilo.org).]

Special event on "Sustainable technologies for a resilient future" (co-organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)) and Honeywell Corporation)

Friday, 31 May 2013, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. To register, please *click here*. For further information, please contact UNITAR New York Office (e-mail nyo@unitar.org).]

DPI/NGO panel discussion on "Determined to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war" (organized by the Department of Public Information (DPI), in cooperation with the Permanent Mission of Switzerland)

Thursday, 6 June 2013, from 10:00 to 12:15, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB).

[All are invited to attend. For registration and for further information, please contact the DPI/NGO Resource Center (e-mail dpingo.briefings@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7234); or Mr. Charles Hitchcock (e-mail hitchcockc@ngodpiexecom.org), *no later than 1 June 2013*).]

Special event on the occasion of the World Day against Child Labour on the theme "No to child labour in domestic work" (co-organized by Human Rights Watch, the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the Permanent Missions of Italy, Mauritius, the Philippines and Uruguay, in cooperation with the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children)

Wednesday, 12 June 2013, at 18:00, at the Institute of International Education (809 United Nations Plaza, 12th Floor).

[All are invited to attend. For registration and for further information, please contact Ms. Jo Becker, Human Rights Watch (e-mail beckerj@hrw.org); or the Permanent Mission of Italy (e-mail sec.italyun@esteri.it).]

Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

Economic and Social Council

Commission on Science and Technology for Development
Sixteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

In accordance with Economic and Social Council decision 2012/228 of 24 July 2012, the sixteenth session of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development will be held from Monday, 3, to Friday, 7 June 2013, in Conference Room XVIII, at the Palais des Nations, Geneva. The annotated provisional agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/CN.16/2013/1.

Members of the Commission, as well as observers, who wish to attend, are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to Ms. Padmashree Gehl Sampath, Chief, Science and Technology Section, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD, Room E.7047, Geneva (tel. 011-41-22-917-4446; e-mail padmashree.gehl.sampath@unctad.org; fax 011-41-22-917-0052).

In preparation for the session, delegations are invited to review the documentation and other background information at http://unctad.org/en/Pages/CSTD.aspx.

Inquiries on the sixteenth session of the Commission can also be directed to Mr. Otto Gustafik, Secretary of the Commission (e-mail gustafik@un.org).

Economic and Social Council

Substantive session of 2013
United Nations Office at Geneva

The Economic and Social Council will hold its substantive session of 2013 from Monday, 1 July, to Friday, 26 July 2013, at the Palais des Nations, Geneva. The session will open on Monday, 1 July, at 9:15. The annotated provisional agenda will be issued as document E/2013/100. For further information, please consult the Web site of the Council (*click here*).

List of speakers

The lists of speakers for all segments are indicated below. If no specific reference is made to a list of speakers, it implies that no such list is being maintained. The lists will open for inscription on Monday, 3 June. The deadlines for inscription are indicated in the relevant paragraphs below. Requests for inscription on the lists of speakers should be sent, *in writing*, indicating the full name and title of speaker, to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis (c/o Ms. Celia Syyap (e-mail syyap@un.org; or fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). *The time limit set for statements under the general debate of the high-level segment is seven minutes and five minutes for all other segments.*

High-level segment (1–4 July)
[Item 2 of the provisional agenda]

The high-level segment will begin at 9:15 on Monday, 1 July, with opening statements, followed by keynote addresses and policy messages from the annual ministerial review preparatory meetings. During the segment, there will be a number of panel discussions as well as five voluntary national presentations followed by interactive discussions.

A list of speakers will be maintained only for the general debate of the high-level segment, to be held in the afternoons of Tuesday, 2 July, and Wednesday, 3 July; and the morning and afternoon (as needed) of Thursday, 4 July. Inscription on the list of speakers for any of the above dates will close by 17:00 of the preceding day.

A detailed programme of the high-level segment is available on the Web site of the Council (*click here*).

Dialogue with the Executive Secretaries of the regional commissions (5 July (morning)) [Item 10 of the provisional agenda]

The dialogue with the Executive Secretaries of the regional commissions on the topic "Regional perspectives on the post-2015 development agenda" (Council decision 2013/211) will be held in the morning of Friday, 5 July, immediately following the opening of the coordination segment. There will be no established list of speakers.

Coordination segment (5 July (morning)–9 July) [Items 4 and 6 (a) of the provisional agenda]

The coordination segment will begin at 10:00 on Tuesday, 5 July, with opening statements, followed by the dialogue with the Executive Secretaries of the regional commissions. During the segment, there will also be a number of interactive panel discussions.

The consideration of agenda item 4 will be held on Friday afternoon, 5 July, and Monday morning, 8 July. The general discussion will be held on Monday afternoon, 8 July. The consideration of agenda item 6 (a) will include an interactive panel discussion in the morning of Tuesday, 9 July, followed by the general discussion in the afternoon. A list of speakers will be maintained for the general discussion of agenda items 4 and 6 (a). Inscription on the list of speakers for any of the above dates will close by 17:00 of the preceding day.

A detailed programme of the coordination segment is available on the Web site of the Council (*click here*).

Operational activities segment (10–12 July) [Item 3 and sub-items (a), (b) and (c) of the provisional agenda]

The operational activities segment will begin at 10:00 on Wednesday, 10 July, with opening statements. During the segment, there will be a number of interactive panel discussions. The general discussion of agenda item 3 as a whole will be held in the morning and afternoon of Friday, 12 July. A list of speakers will be maintained for the general discussion of agenda item 3. Inscription on the list of speakers will close by 17:00 on Thursday, 11 July.

A detailed programme of the operational activities segment is available on the Web site of the Council (*click here*).

Informal event to discuss the transition from relief to development (15 July (morning))

An interactive panel discussion to discuss the transition from relief to development (Council decision 2013/213) on the topic "Supporting national priorities in a process of transition from relief to development: United Nations delivering as one", will be held in the morning of Monday, 15 July, and will be open to all interested participants. There will be no established list of speakers.

Humanitarian affairs segment (15 July (afternoon)–17 July)
[Item 5 of the provisional agenda]

The humanitarian affairs segment will begin at 15:00 on Monday, 15 July, with opening statements. During the segment, there will be two interactive panel discussions. The general discussion of agenda item 5 will be held in the afternoons of Monday, 15 July, and Wednesday, 17 July. A list of speakers will be maintained for the general discussion of the item. Inscription on the list of speakers for any of the above dates will close by 17:00 of the preceding day.

General segment (18-25 July)
[Items 6–15 of the provisional agenda]

The general segment will begin at 10:00 on Thursday, 18 July, and will continue until Thursday, 25 July. *Lists of speakers will be maintained for the general discussion of the items under the segment.* Inscription on the list of speakers will close by 17:00 on the day before the general discussion of the item.

A detailed programme of the general segment is available on the Web site of the Council (*click here*).

Conclusion of work (26 July)

The Council will conclude the work of its substantive session of 2013 on Friday, 26 July.

List of participants

Delegations should send, *in writing*, on official letterhead, the names and titles of the members of their delegations (please indicate clearly the head and alternate head of delegation) as they would like them to appear in the official list of participants. Please send this composition of delegation to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis (c/o Ms. Mary Constable (e-mail constablem@un.org; room S-1275; or by fax 1 (212) 963-5935)), *as soon as possible, but no later than 24 July 2013.* The list of participants will be issued as part of the official documents of the session.

Side events

A list of side events to be held in conjunction with the 2013 substantive session of the Council will be posted on the Web site of the Council shortly.

Announcements

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training for delegates and staff of permanent missions in room DC2-1142 (unless otherwise indicated), in English, on the dates indicated below. All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing the Library Training Calendar (*click here*); or by telephone (1 (212) 963-5321).

Introduction to United Nations documents (from 10:00 to 12:00)

Tuesday, 28 May 2013.

2013 United Nations Regional Course in International Law for Asia-Pacific, Bangkok, Thailand

The United Nations Regional Courses in International Law provide high-quality training by leading scholars and practitioners on a broad range of core subjects of international law, as well as specific subjects of particular interest to the countries in a given region. The Regional Courses also prov.de an opportunity for the participants to focus on contemporary issues of international law in the region with a view to promoting greater understanding and cooperation on such issues.

The Regional Course for Asia-Pacific is scheduled to take place from Monday, 4, to Friday, 29 November 2013, in Thailand, subject to available funding. The Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs is *urgently* seeking voluntary contributions from Member States, to be communicated by *Friday, 28 June 2013*. For additional information or inquiries, please contact Ms. Virginia Morris, Principal Legal Officer, Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs (e-mail rcil-asia@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5284).

Reports of the Secretary-General on disarmament items to be submitted to the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly

The Office for Disarmament Affairs would be grateful if Member States could communicate to the Office, in hard copy and electronic version (Word format), the relevant data and information, pursuant to the General Assembly resolutions indicated below, by *Friday, 31 May 2013*, so as to facilitate issuance of the reports in time for consideration by the General Assembly at its sixty-eighth session. Provision of the submission in Microsoft word format *is required*. Kindly send the electronic version to Ms. Jenny Fuchs (fuchs@un.org).

Resolution 44/116 O, paras. 8 and 9, entitled "Review Conference of the parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of the Emplacement of Nuclear Weapons and other Weapons of Mass Destruction on the Sea-Bed and the Ocean Floor and in the Subsoil Thereof", adopted on 15 December 1989 (Note verbale ODA/11-2013/SEA-BED dated 21 February 2013 refers);

Resolution 67/27, paras. 2 and 3, entitled "Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security", adopted on 3 December 2012 (Note verbale ODA/18-2013/IS dated 22 February 2013 refers);

Resolution 67/28, paras. 10 and 11, entitl.d "Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East", adopted on 3 December 2012 (Note verbale ODA/09-2013/NWFZME dated 25 February 2013 refers);

Resolution 67/33, para. 3, entitled "Follow-up to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the *Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons*", adopted on 3 December 2012 (Note verbale ODA/10-2012/ICJ dated 25 February 2013 refers);

Resolution 67/37, para. 4, entitled "Observance of environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control", adopted on 3 December 2012 (Note verbale ODA/16-2013/EN dated 25 February 2013 refers);

Resolution 67/38, para. 8, entitled "Promotion of multilateralism in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation", adopted on 3 December 2012 (Note verbale ODA/17-2013/ML dated 19 February 2013 refers);

Resolution 67/44, para. 5, entitled "Measures to prevent terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction", adopted on 3 December 2012 (Note verbale ODA/12-2013/WMDT dated 15 February 2013 refers);

Resolution 67/48, para. 6, entitled "Women, disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control", adopted on 3 December 2012 (Note verbale ODA/27-2013/WAD dated 25 February 2013 refers);

Resolution 67/61, para. 8, entitled "Confidence-building measures in the regional and subregional context", adopted on 3 December 2012 (Note verbale ODA/26-2013/CBMRSC dated 28 February 2013 refers); and

Resolution 67/75, para. 8, entitled "Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region" adopted on 3 December 2012 (Note verbale ODA/25-2013/SSCMR dated 25 February 2013 refers).

The Office for Disarmament Affairs would also be grateful to receive, on-line through www.un.org/disarmament/convarms/Miles/, by *Friday, 31 May 2013*, the information relevant to resolution 66/39, paras. 2, 3, 4 and 5 (a), entitled "Transparency in armaments", adopted on 2 December 2011 (Note verbale ODA/06-2013/TIA dated 18 March 2013 refers).

Summary of official meetings

Wednesday, 22 May 2013

Economic and Social Council

Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
Twelfth session

6th meeting

Human rights [item 7]

(a) Implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

Study on the extent of violence against indigenous women and girls in terms of article 22 (2) of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (E/C.19/2013/9)

Ms. Megan Davis, member of the Permanent Forum, made an introductory statement.

(b) Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples and the Chair of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous People

Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur

Mr. James Anaya, Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples, made an introductory statement.

The Permanent Forum heard statements by the following Member States represented by observers: Guyana, Nicaragua, Denmark, New Zealand, Brazil, South Africa, Japan, El Salvador, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Russian Federation, Chile, Costa Rica, Guatemala and Canada; as well as the observer for the European Union.

A statement was made by the representative of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).

Statements were made by the representatives of the following indigenous organizations: North America Indigenous Peoples Caucus; Global Indigenous Youth Caucus; Asia Caucus; Africa Caucus/IPACC; Parliament of Mexico (member); Alianza de Mujeres Indígenas de Centro-América y México; Confederación Nacional de Mujeres Campesinas Indígenas Originarias de Bolivia "Bartolina Sisa"; Native Women's Association of Canada; Indigenous Peoples Organization Network of Australia; International Indian Treaty Council; Organization of the People of Mother Heart (Yatama); Assembly of First Nations Summit and the Union of British Columbian Chiefs; National Association of Friendship Centers; Tribal Link; Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact; and The College at Brockport, Cultural Survival.

The Special Rapporteur made concluding remarks.

Thursday, 23 May 2013

General Assembly

Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals
Third session

3rd meeting

Follow-up to the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, relating to a proposal for sustainable development goals [item 3]

Statements were made by the representatives of Serbia (also on behalf of Belarus), Argentina (also on behalf of the Plurinational State of Bolivia and Ecuador), Kazakhstan (also on behalf of China and Indonesia), Croatia (also on behalf of Bulgaria), the Netherlands (also on behalf of Australia and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), Romania (also on behalf of Poland), Montenegro (also on behalf of Slovenia), the United States (also on behalf of Canada and Israel), Thailand (also on behalf of Bhutan and Viet Nam), Germany (also on behalf of France and Switzerland), the United Republic of Tanzania, Haiti, Nepal, Bangladesh, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, India, Pakistan, Japan, Benin, the Republic of Korea, France, Guatemala, South Africa, the Dominican Republic, Togo, Uruguay, Ethiopia, Iceland, New Zealand and Nigeria.

A statement was made by the observer for the Holy See.

Organization of work

A statement was made by the Co-Chair (Kenya).

A statement was also made by the Secretary.

4th meeting

Follow-up to the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, relating to a proposal for sustainable development goals [item 3]

A keynote address on water and sanitation was delivered by the Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization and Chair of UN-Water, Mr. Michel Jarraud, who also introduced the issues note prepared by the United Nations Technical Support Team.

Panel discussion

The Open Working Group held a panel discussion on "Water and sanitation," chaired by the Co-Chair (Hungary).

Presentations were made by Dr. Rabi Mohtar, Executive Director of Qatar Environment and Energy Research Institute and Dr. Letitia Obeng, Board Member of the International Management Institute.

The Open Working Group held an interactive discussion with the presenters, in which comments were made and questions raised by the representatives of Germany, Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Pakistan, Mexico, Singapore, United Republic of Tanzania, the Netherlands, Canada, Denmark, Nepal, Bangladesh, Zambia, Ghana, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, Switzerland, Gabon, the Niger, Uruguay and Nicaragua.

Comments were also made by the representative of the major group of women.

The Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization and Chair of UN-Water, as well as the panellists, responded to the questions raised.

Organization of work

The Co-Chair (Hungary) made a statement.

Economic and Social Council

Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
Twelfth session

7th meeting

Half-day discussion on the African region [item 4]

The Chair introduced the study on resilience, traditional knowledge and capacity-building for pastoralist communities in Africa as contained in document E/C.19/2013/5.

The Permanent Forum held a panel discussion with statements by the Chair; Mr. Simon M'Viboudoulou, member of the Permanent Forum; His Excellency Laurent Tengo, Legal Counsellor of the President of the Republic of Congo; Mr. Vital Bambanze, Indigenous Peoples of Africa Coordinating Committee (IPACC); Mr. Albert Barume, member of African Commission of Working Group on Indigenous Peoples; and Ms. Agnes Leina, representative of indigenous African women.

Mr. Edward John, member of the Permanent Forum, made a statement.

The Permanent Forum heard statements by the following Member States represented by observers: United Republic of Tanzania, Australia, Botswana and Kenya.

A representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the following indigenous organizations: Indigenous Women's Caucus; African Caucus; Pastoralist Forum; Indigenous Peoples Partnership in Climate Change and Forest; Indigenous Information Network, Women Environmental Conservation Project (WECOP); El Pueblo Indígena Bubi de la Isla de Bioko; Ogiek Peoples' Development; MPIDO Indigenous Peoples' Assistance Facility (IPAF); Kalagadi Youth and Women Development Network; Dakar Trust; Khedur San Council; and Movement for the Survival of the Ogoni People.

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
2013 resumed session

23rd meeting

New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification [item 3 (b)]

Statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Cuba, China, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Israel, Peru, the United States, Turkey, Bulgaria and Pakistan.

The Chief of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), provided clarifications to the members of the Committee.

Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee [3 (a)]

Statements were made by the representatives of the Sudan, the United States, Israel, Bulgaria, Cuba and Belgium.

The Chief of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch provided clarifications to the members of the Committee.

The Committee decided to recommend that special consultative status be granted to 12 non-governmental organizations, and that the status of one non-governmental organization to be reclassified from special to general.

24th meeting

Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee [item 3 (a)]

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Cuba, the Sudan, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and the Russian Federation.

The Chief of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), provided clarifications to the members of the Committee.

The representatives of China, Peru, the Sudan, Cuba and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela posed questions, to which the representatives of the following non-governmental organizations responded: The Kuki Organization for Human Rights Trust; and Freedom Now.

The Committee decided to recommend that special consultative status be granted to 16 non-governmental organizations.

Summary of official meetings held away from Headquarters

Thursday, 23 May 2013

General Assembly

International Law Commission
Sixty-fifth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

3169th meeting

Visit of the Legal Counsel

The Legal Counsel made a statement informing the Commission of the activities of the Office of Legal Affairs and recent developments of international law in the context of the United Nations. An exchange of views followed.

Programme, procedures, working methods of the Commission and its documentation [item 10]

The Commission reconstituted the Study Group on the Most-Favoured-Nation Clause. In the absence of Mr. Donald McRae, Chair of the Study Group, Mr. Mathias Forteau chaired on his behalf. [The composition of the Study Group is as follows: *Chair:* Mr. Donald M. McRae; *Members:* Mr. Lucius Caflisch, Ms. Concepción Escobar-Hernández, Mr. Mahmoud D. Hmoud, Mr. Shinya Murase, Mr. Sean D. Murphy, Mr. Georg Nolte, Mr. Ki Gab Park, Mr. Narinder Singh, Mr. Pavel Šturma, Mr. Marcelo Vázquez-Bermúdez, Mr. Michael Wood and Mr. Mathias Forteau (*ex officio*).]

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

The dates indicated correspond to the dates of receipt of the relevant documents, except for the signatures.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, Vienna, 20 December 1988

Notification under article 7: Sri Lanka (20 May 2013)

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism, New York, 9 December 1999

Objection to the reservation made by Namibia upon ratification: Sweden (22 May 2013)

Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Their Parts and Components and Ammunition, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, New York, 31 May 2001

Accession: Iraq (23 May 2013)

Arms Trade Treaty
(New York, 2 April 2013)

Opening for signature

The Arms Trade Treaty was adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 67/234B of 2 April 2013.

In accordance with its article 21, the Treaty shall be open for signature at the United Nations Headquarters in New York by all States from Monday, 3 June 2013, until its entry into force.

Certified true copies of the Treaty, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, are under preparation. Electronic copies of the Treaty will be made available soon on the United Nations Treaty Collection website (*click here*).

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign the Treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers emanating from one of these authorities.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Treaty could, as necessary, provide the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations Headquarters (fax 1 (212) 963-3693).

For more information on full powers, please refer to the Treaty Handbook on the United Nations Treaty Collection.

General information

Chairs of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *May 2013* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Côte d'Ivoire
His Excellency Youssoufou Bamba

Asia-Pacific States:
Saudi Arabia
His Excellency Abdallah Yahya Al-Mouallimi

Eastern European States:
Lithuania
Her Excellency Raimonda Murmokaitė

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Suriname
His Excellency Henry Leonard Mac-Donald

Western European and other States:
Greece
His Excellency Michel Spinellis

Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

Communications addressed to the President of the Security Council should be delivered to the Office of the President of the Council (room S-2472; tel. 1 (212) 963-5258; fax 1 (917) 367-0406).

Web of the presidency

The website of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at www.un.org/en/sc/presidency/.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Programme of work" on the website of the Security Council www.un.org/en/sc/.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Room Officer in the Chamber.

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